

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear and inexcusable example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge pursuant to U.S. law and is obligated by the same law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we the people need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it is far more important that you broadcast real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions exemplify the need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Their actions also show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard, and more input from the public that is subject to such one-sided subjective broadcasting. Thank you.